Clinical Lycanthropy and Health.

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“Natural forces within us are

the true healers of disease.”

“ Hippocrates”

Indroduction.

Lycanthropy is the mythological ability or power of a human being to undergo transformation into an animal like state, such as a werewolf. **Lycanthropy** may also refer to:
Clinical **lycanthropy**, the delusional belief that a person can transform into a wolf or other animal. **Clinical lycanthropy** is defined as a **rare psychiatric syndrome that involves a delusion** that the affected person can transform into, has transformed into, or is, an animal. A delusion in which one imagines oneself **to be a wolf or other wild animal.he supposed or fabled assumption of the appearance of a wolf by a human being.**

Clinical lycanthropy.

Clinical lycanthropy is defined as a **rare psychiatric syndrome that involves a delusion that the affected person can transform into, has transformed into, or is, an animal.** Its name is associated with the **mythical condition of lycanthropy, a supernatural affliction in which humans are said to physically shapeshift into wolves.**

Symptoms of lycanthropy.

Affected individuals believe that they are in the process of transforming into an animal or have already transformed into an animal. It has been associated with the altered states of mind that accompany psychosis (the mental state that typically involves delusions and hallucinations) with the transformation only seeming to happen in the mind and behavior of the affected person. Clinical lycanthropy is a very rare condition and is largely considered to be an idiosyncratic expression of a psychotic episode caused by another condition such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or clinical depression.However, there are suggestions that certain neurological conditions and cultural influences may result in the expression of the human-animal transformation theme that defines the condition. Notions that lycanthropy was due to a medical condition go back to the seventh century, when the Alexandrian physician Paulus Aegineta attributed lycanthropy to melancholia or an "excess of black bile". Clinical lycanthropy is a very rare condition and is largely considered to be an idiosyncratic expression of a psychotic episode caused by another condition such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or clinical depression. However, there are suggestions that certain neurological conditions and cultural influences may result in the expression of the human-animal transformation theme that defines the condition.

Related disorders of lycanthropy.

In rare cases, individuals may believe that other people have transformed into animals. This has been termed **"lycanthropic intermetamorphosis and "lycanthropy spectrum".[9] A 2009 study reported that, after the consumption of the drug MDMA (Ecstasy), a man displayed symptoms of paranoid psychosis by claiming that his relatives had**

changed into various animals such as a boar, a donkey and a horse.

If you have any questions concerning **“ Clinical Lycanthropy and Health”,**

interactive clinical pharmacology , or any other questions, please inform me **.**

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